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SUBJECT: 1975-76 U.S.-ROMANIAN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES -  
IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS

REF: A) BUCHAREST 2035; B) BUCHAREST 2241

1. IN A MEETING MAY 23 REQUESTED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MATTER OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON HOUSING FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN ROMANIA (PARA 4, REFTEL A) WAS TENTATIVELY RESOLVED WITH PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON TEXT OF U.S. LETTER AND ROMANIAN RESPONSE. THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE TEXTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DEPUTY MINISTER GLIGA AND WILL, OF COURSE, NEED TO BE CONSIDERED BY AMBASSADOR BARNES FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO POST MAY 31. EMBASSY IS SUBMITTING TEXTS HEREIN FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION AND COMMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR BARNES TO DEFORMIN GLIGA - BEGIN TEXT:  
I WISH TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL THANKS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR ITS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS DURING WHICH WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS FOR THE 1975-76 U.S.-ROMANIAN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES. THESE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS, WHICH WE SIGNED ON JUNE (BLANK), REPRESENTS, I BELIEVE,  
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AN EXCELLENT BASIS ON WHICH TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES

OF OUR BILATERAL PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

IN PARTICULAR, I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PARAGRAPH UNDER ARTICLE I, PARAGRAPH 6, WHICH ASSURES THE ADEQUATE HOUSING OF THE PARTICIPANTS. IN ADDITION, THE EMBASSY IS FURTHER PLEASED TO NOTE THE ORAL ASSURANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING THE FUTURE HOUSING PROVISIONS FOR AMERICAN PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

AS I HAVE EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE EMBASSY IS SATISFIED WITH THE HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR AMERICAN EXCHANGES PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS SINCE LATE MARCH. IT IS OUR CLEAR UNDERSTANDING FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS THAT SUCH ACCOMMODATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED TO OUR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PERIOD OF THE PROGRAM.

THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS UNDER ARTICLE I, SECTION 2, OF THE PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES ARE NOW SIMILAR TO THOSE TYPES OF ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE AGREEMENT OF EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGES BOARD (IREX). WE WELCOME THE ASSURANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE PRACTICE FOR THE FUTURE.

ONCE AGAIN, MR. MINISTER, MY MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OVER THE PAST MONTHS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU REGARDING THE UNDERSTANDINGS MENTIONED IN THIS LETTER. END TEXT.

3. MINISTER GLIGA TO AMBASSADOR BARNES - BEGIN TEXT:

I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF CONFIRMING THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF JUNE (BLANK) REGARDING THE HOUSING CONDITIONS OFFERED BY THE ROMANIAN SIDE TO THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS IN THE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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I WISH TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY ASSURANCES THAT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE ITS ATTENTION AND SUPPORT TO THE SUITABLE RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR THANKS FOR THE SPIRIT OF

COOPERATION AND CONTRIBUTION SHOWN DURING THE NEGOTIATION  
AND FINALIZATION OF THE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS OF THE  
PROGRAM OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
END TEXT.

4. OBVIOUSLY, ROMANIAN RESPONSE MERELY NOTES RECEIPT  
OF U.S. LETTER WITHOUT DIRECT COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF  
HOUSING ISSUE TO WHICH WE REFER. EMBASSY WILL DEFER  
FURTHER COMMENT PENDING RETURN OF AMBASSADOR BARNES.

5. PRESENT SIGNING SENARIO CALLS FOR EMBASSY TO  
RECOMMEND DATE FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL AT POST.  
OUR INTENTION - ALREADY APPROVED BY MFA IN PRINCIPLE -  
TO HOLD INFORMAL SIGNING AT RESIDENCE. LETTERS WOULD  
BE EXCHANGED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH SIGNING  
OF CONDITIONS.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUE DISCUSSED REFTEL B RE-  
GARDING RETROACTIVE PAYMENTS OF 4500 LEI STIPEND FOR U.S.  
LECTURERS HERE, MFA AND EMBASSY HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED  
TO MODIFY ARTICLE VII TO REFLECT EFFECTIVE DATES OF  
CONDITIONS MORE ACCURATELY THAN PREAMBLE NOW DOES. UNDER  
THIS SUGGESTION, ARTICLE VII COULD READ AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT - THESE IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS FOR THE PROGRAM  
OF EXCHANGES SIGNED AT BUCHAREST ON DECEMBER 13, 1974,  
ARE EFFECTIVE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1975, TO DECEMBER  
31, 1976. THEY MAY BE AMENDED ONLY BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE PARTIES. END TEXT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD DETERMINE  
ACCEPTABILITY THIS FORMULA FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW.  
AS FAR AS POST IS AWARE, ALL PARTIES HAVE, IN FACT, BEEN  
APPLYING NEW CONDITIONS FOR PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WITH  
EXCEPTION OF U.S. LECTURER ROMANIAN STIPEND. TO INSURE  
RETROACTIVE PAYMENT, WE NEED SOME SIMILAR LANGUAGE AND  
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SPAHIFIC REFERENCE AS THAT SUGGESTED HERE. LNAGUAGE  
STATES RECIPROCAL REQUIREMENT, HOWEVER, WHICH NEEDS  
DEPARTMENT'S CAREFUL REVIEW.  
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